



Secretary of Defense Medal
for the
DEFENSE OF FREEDOM

The Secretary of Defense presents the Defense of Freedom Medal in recognition of the Department's civilian employees and others, who perished or were wounded in the terrorist attacks that occurred on Tuesday, September 11, 2001. This day, more than ever, united this country and brought to the forefront the courage of and sacrifice by our citizens.

The medal symbolizes the principles of freedom on which our country is founded. The ribbon's four red stripes commemorate valor and sacrifice and represent the four terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001. The blue stripe represents strength and the strike against the Pentagon. The white stripes represent liberty as depicted in our national flag.

ON BEHALF OF A GRATEFUL NATION

Date

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